

(SRI P. M. NADGOUDA)

- (b) No credit sales have been made.
- (c) Not sold.
- (d) Not spent.
- (e) Staff of the Institution were not on election propaganda and no amount was spent on T. A.

### Landless Labourers in Rural Areas

311. Sri P. B. NANDIHALLI (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

- (a) whether the Government is aware of unbearable difficulties due to poverty of the landless labourers in rural areas ;
- (b) whether they have collected statistics of the landless labourers and that of the families who have less than two acres of land in the rural areas ;
- (c) the measures the Government has taken to solve the problems of the landless labourers and the poor cultivators whose income is very low ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

- (a) Government are not unaware of the difficulties.
- (b) The only information available is that furnished in the 1961 Census Report.
- (c) The highest priority has been accorded in the allotment of Government land to poor and landless persons and for waiving upset price in deserving cases.

### Loans given to Chickballapur Municipality

559. Sri K. M. PUTTASWAMY (Chickballapur).—

Will the Minister of State for Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

- (a) the amount of loan given to the Chickballapur Municipality and its purpose ;
- (b) the amount overdue from the said Municipality ?

SRI B. M. PATIL (Minister of State for Municipal Administration).—

(a) The following loans have been given :

(1) Water Supply (1948) ...	Rs. 97,875-00
(2) Bus-stand construction (1955 and 1958) ...	Rs. 80,000-00
(3) Town Improvement loan (1956) ...	Rs. 10,000-00
(4) Loan for purchase of Lorry (1959) ...	Rs. 15,000-00
(5) Jakkalamadugu water supply scheme loan ...	Rs. 18,81,000-00
Total Rs.	20,83,875-00

(b)—

Nature of Loan	Overdue towards principal	Overdue towards Interest
(1) Water Supply ...	...	28,621-32
(2) Bus-stand construction	16,000-00	2,284-50
(3) Town Improvement loan	...	...
(4) Purchase of Lorry	1,000-00	3,115-70
(5) Jakkalamadugu water supply.	3,46,666-64	1,54,313-24
Total Rs.	3,63,666-63	1,88,334-76

### Minimum limit of Turnover Liable to Sales Tax

566. Smt. WINNIFRED F. FERNANDES (Coondapur).

Will the Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare be pleased to state :—

whether there is any proposal to raise the minimum limit of the turnover which is liable to Sales Tax with a view to assist the small merchants who are fighting for their survival ?

SRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance, Planning and Youth Welfare).—

This is under consideration.